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AT LAST-
THE SECRET OF
ADAM-X!

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X-MEN LEGENDS #2



X-MEN LEGENDS



ADAM NERAMANI

**ADAM-X
X-TREME**

**THE BURNING BLOOD
THE FORSAKEN ONE**

His true name is ADAM. Recently, he learned he was a SHI'AR GENETIC EXPERIMENT who was rescued as an infant by the JATH'CHE, the disgraced elite guard of the mad emperor, D'KEN.

Fleeing to EARTH as a young adult, Adam has been pursued by DAVAN SHAKARI, the Shi'Ar spy known as ERIK THE RED, and a cult of zealots named THE CRYSTAL CLAWS. They believe Adam belongs on the Shi'Ar throne and they have kidnapped PHILIP and DEBORAH SUMMERS to force the X-MEN to deliver Adam to them.

Hoping to save their grandparents, SCOTT and ALEX SUMMERS -- CYCLOPS and HAVOK -- found ADAM in Iowa just in time to stop the intergalactic pirates, HEPZIBAH and RAZA of the STARJAMMERS, from claiming the bounty placed on Adam by the throne.

Complicating matters is that the Starjammers are led by CORSAIR -- Scott and Alex's father. And he tells them Adam is their brother...right before he shoots Adam in the head!

Editor's Note: This story takes place after X-Men (1991) #39.

DAVAN
SHAKARI
**ERIK
THE RED**



**THE
CRYSTAL
CLAWS**



PHILIP
SUMMERS



DEBORAH
SUMMERS



SCOTT
SUMMERS
CYCLOPS



ALEX
SUMMERS
HAVOK



HEPZIBAH



RAZA



CHRISTOPHER
SUMMERS
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**HE'S
DEAD!**

the burning blood

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this fouled birth,
this scorched earth

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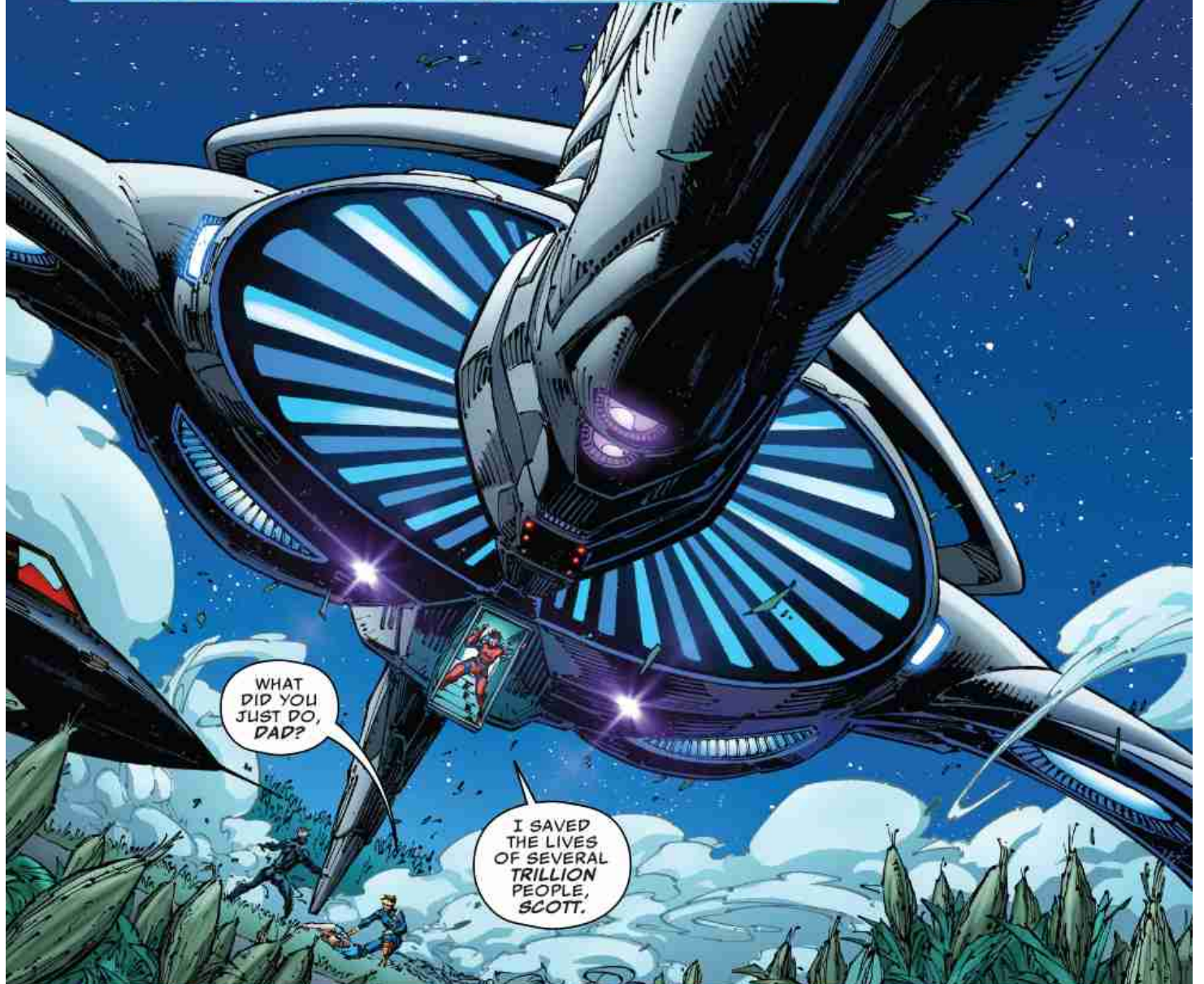
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WHICH, TECHNICALLY...

...HE'S YOUR HALF BROTHER.

WE NEEDED ADAM TO SAVE GRANDMA AND GRANDPA!



ALEX, RELAX. THE IMPERIUM BOUNTY ON HIM SAYS "DEAD OR ALIVE."

ERIK THE RED'S DEMANDS WEREN'T SO SPECIFIC.

YOU JUST KILLED HIM IN COLD BLOOD!



NO...
...HE DIDN'T.



I'M BIOGENETICALLY ENGINEERED TO HANDLE A SHOT TO THE HEAD.

YOU HAVE A HEALING FACTOR?

NO. CORSAIR ONLY SHOT A MASS OF ARRECTOR PILI MUSCLE FIBERS.



WHAT?



THE STARJAMMERS
ARE SPACE-PIRATES.
CHRISTOPHER
SUMMERS--CORSAIR--
IS THEIR LEADER.

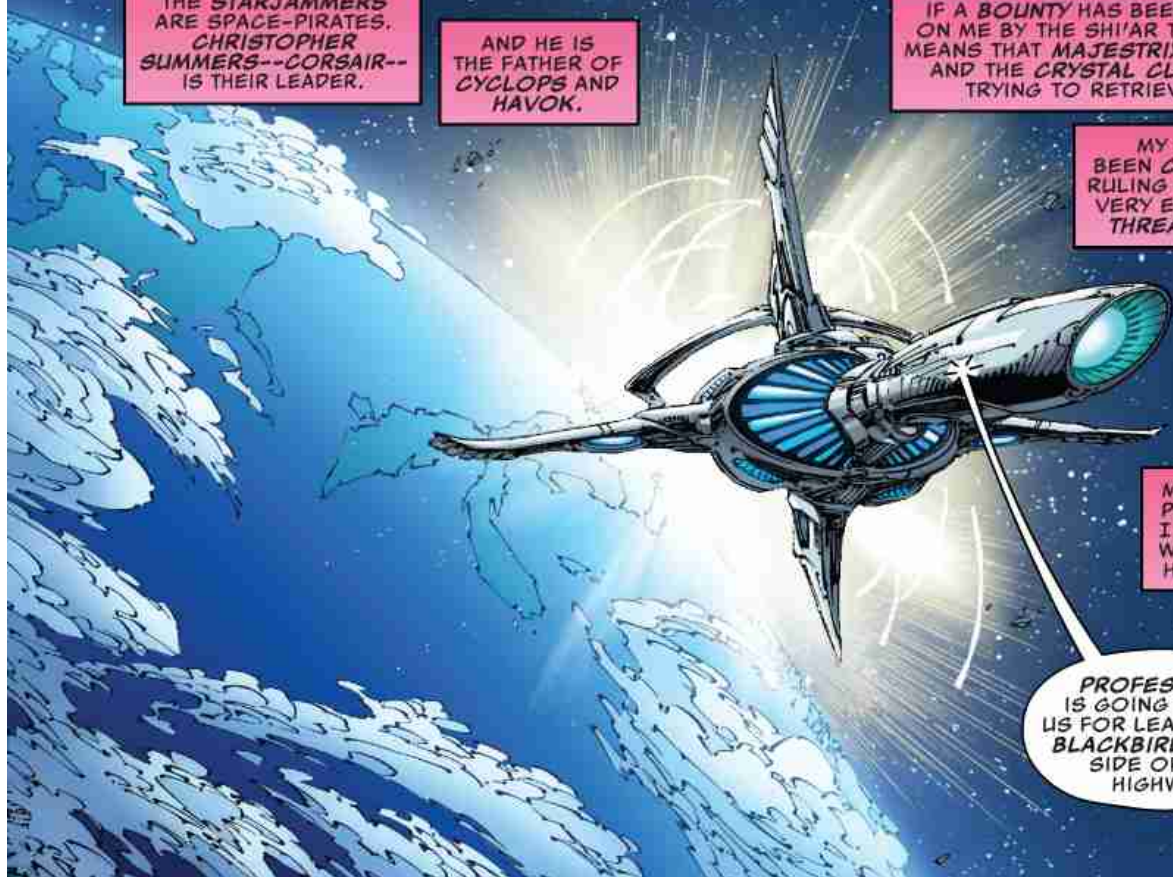
AND HE IS
THE FATHER OF
CYCLOPS AND
HAVOK.

IF A BOUNTY HAS BEEN PLACED
ON ME BY THE SHI'AR THRONE, IT
MEANS THAT MAJESTRIX LILANDRA
AND THE CRYSTAL CLAWS ARE
TRYING TO RETRIEVE ME.

MY EXISTENCE HAS
BEEN CONFIRMED TO THE
RULING POWERS...AND THAT
VERY EXISTENCE POSES A
THREAT TO THEIR RULE.

MY PLAN IS SIMPLE:
PROVE TO HER THAT
I AM NOT A THREAT,
WHILE SHOWING HER
HOW I COULD BE...

PROFESSOR X
IS GOING TO KILL
US FOR LEAVING THE
BLACKBIRD ON THE
SIDE OF THE
HIGHWAY.







HE MIGHT HAVE HALF OF YOUR MOTHER, BUT HE ALSO HAS TOO DAMN MUCH OF D'KEN FOR MY LIKING!



I DIDN'T ASK FOR ANY OF THIS!

GUYS, STOP!



I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY OF THIS.

I WAS TOLD THAT AS D'KEN'S REIGN FELL INTO RUINS, HIS FOLLOWERS DESTROYED ALL EVIDENCE OF HIS IMMORAL ACTIVITIES.

THE SURVIVING REMNANTS OF D'KEN'S DISGRACED ELITE GUARD, THE JATH'CHE, RESCUED ME FROM THE LAB BEFORE MY TIME OF HATCHING.

WE LIVED IN PEACE ON AN OUTBACK FARMING PLANET NAMED CH'REESHARAA...

...UNTIL THE CRYSTAL CLAWS SECT FOUND ME.



THEY SAID THE FORSAKEN ONE WOULD HELP THEM RECLAIM THE THRONE.

D'KEN'S FOLLOWERS HAD GONE INTO HIDING, BUT OVER NEARLY TWENTY YEARS, THEY HAD GROWN IN NUMBERS--

"THE MAN WHO RAISED ME, JONATH OF THE JATH'CHE, REJECTED THEIR DEMANDS.

"DAVAN SHAKARI DEEMED THIS DEFIANCE UNACCEPTABLE."



THEY RELEASED
TOXINS ACROSS
THE ENTIRE
PLANET.



"WE ONLY HAD
ONE SKIMMER THAT
COULD WITHSTAND
TRAVEL THROUGH
A STARGATE.

"THE MAN WHO
RAISED ME, MY
ENTIRE COMMUNITY...
AN ENTIRE PLANET--
ALL DIED SO THAT
I COULD ESCAPE."



I MEANT NO OFFENSE
TO YOUR MATE, CORSAIR,
BUT THOUGH SHE MEANT
SO MUCH TO ALL OF
YOU--



--I HAVE NO EMOTIONAL
CONNECTION TO HER...
OR THE FATHER WHO
MEANS NOTHING
TO ME.



MR. SINISTER
TAUNTED ME
ABOUT MY
"BROTHERS,"*



PLURAL?
THERE
COULD BE
MORE?



ALL I KNOW IS THAT I
HAVE A LITTLE BROTHER
THAT I CAN BOSS
AROUND!



*X-MEN (1991) #23.
--BOSS BASSBRO



FOR A
MOMENT, IT
FEELS LIKE
FAMILY.

THE
MOMENT
PASSES.



WHAT MIGHT
HAVE BEEN IS SOIL
SLIPPING THROUGH
OPEN FINGERS.

WHAT
COULD BE IS
RAIN ON THE
HORIZON.

NOW
IS ALL THAT
MATTERS.



RAY OF \$\$\$%&%
SUNSHINE, THIS
ONE IS.

CH'OD,
WHAT'S OUR
E.T.A.?

ENTERING
LUNAR ORBIT
NOW...

...WITH THE
BLUE AREA
OF THE MOON IN
SIGHT! VERY
IMPRESSIVE.

CYCLOPS EXPLAINED
ERIK THE RED HAD
CHOSEN THIS SPOT FOR
AN EXCHANGE BECAUSE
IT HAD A BREATHABLE
ATMOSPHERE,
BUT MORE--

--BECAUSE HE
THOUGHT THE
SUMMERS' HISTORY
HERE WOULD
LINNERVE THE
X-MEN.

HERE, THEY FOUGHT
THE SHI'AR IMPERIAL
GUARD FOR THE LIFE
OF THEIR COMRADE,
AND SCOTT'S LOVE,
JEAN GREY.

FOUGHT
AND LOST.
FULL CIRCLE.*

*THE DARK PHOENIX SAGA,
LINCANNY X-MEN #129-138. --MB



CONTACTED THE
INHUMANS.

THEY OFFERED TO HELP,
BUT I TOLD THEM THEY'D
BE BETTER OFF STAYING
OUT OF SHI'AR
POLITICS.

WE ALL
WOULD
BE.

SHAKARI. THE HORNS ARE CUTE. HELP ME OUT HERE...

...IF I TURN OVER THE FORSAKEN ONE TO YOU, I SAVE MY PARENTS, BUT THEN I LOSE MY BOUNTY?



IF YOU ARE HERE, CORSAIR, THEN YOU HAVE CONSIDERED THAT HELPING US PLACE ADAM ON THE THRONE--

--MEANS GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE LOYAL TO OUR CAUSE.



CIVIL WAR MEANS DISRUPTED TRADE ROUTES, CARGO SHIPS RIPE FOR THE PLUCKING, SEIZING CONTROL OF STARGATES...

...A LOT OF PEOPLE KILLED OR ENSLAVED, TOO, SO...SURE, THAT'S BAD...

CORSAIR--



--THE TARGETS HAVE BEEN SAFELY SECURED.

WELL, THAT'S A RELIEF, RAZA. I WAS RUNNING OUT OF MATERIAL...





THIS WAS THE
PART OF THE
PLAN I HATED.

...I WOULD HAVE TO
BECOME EVERYTHING
I WAS BORN AND
BRED FOR.

THE LAST, SAD
HOPE FOR SHI'AR
EVOLUTION.

THE GREATEST
FIGHTING MACHINE
IN THE IMPERIUM.

MORE THAN
SHI'AR, MORE THAN
MEPHITISOID, MORE
THAN HUMAN...

FEELS
GREAT TO
FINALLY CUT
LOOSE ON
THIS GUY!

...MORE
THAN
MUTANT.

IT'S TIME TO
SHOW THEM
HOW MUCH
MORE...



THE NAMES I
WAS GIVEN
WERE ALWAYS
A WARNING.

ADAM, FIRST
OF A NEW
SPECIES.

THE FORSAKEN
ONE, ABANDONED
BY THOSE WHO
FEARED HIM.

THE BURNING
BLOOD,
DESTROYER
OF LIFE.

I HAVE THE ABILITY
TO IGNITE THE
ELECTROLYTES IN
EXPOSED BLOOD.

BY MY CHOICE,
IT CAN BE
INCREDIBLY
PAINFUL...OR
DEADLY.

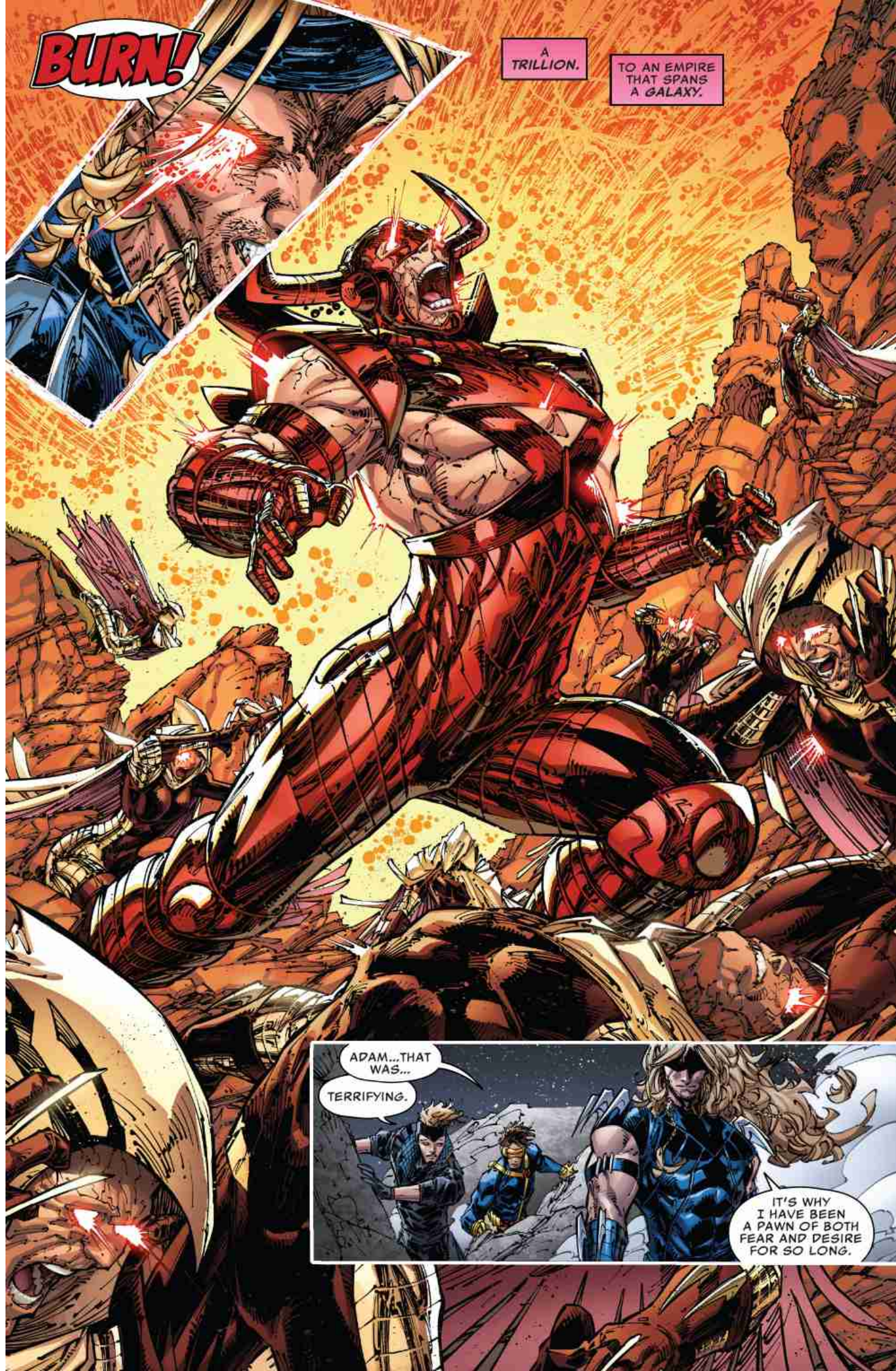
MY POWERS
ARE NOT
LIMITED BY
NUMBERS.

WHAT I COULD
DO SO EASILY ON
A BATTLEFIELD TO A
HUNDRED, I COULD
DO FROM ORBIT
TO A BILLION.

BURN!

A
TRILLION.

TO AN EMPIRE
THAT SPANS
A GALAXY.



ADAM...THAT
WAS...
TERRIFYING.

IT'S WHY
I HAVE BEEN
A PAWN OF BOTH
FEAR AND DESIRE
FOR SO LONG.

NO FUN
LEFT FOR
THE REST
OF US?

CHRISTOPHER!
YOUR MOTHER AND
FATHER DISPLEASED
BY MESS YOU HAVE
MADE.

THEY DESERVE
THEIR REUNION...
AND I DON'T
DESERVE TO BE
A PART OF IT.

ADAM...THAT IS
YOU, ISN'T IT? I
KEEP GETTING YOU
INTO STICKY
WICKETS.*

I AM NOT IN
A WICKET, PHILIP.
I'M SORRY YOU WERE
ENDANGERED BECAUSE
OF ME. IT'S GOOD TO
SEE YOU SAFE.

*X-MEN (1991) #39.
--EXHAUSTED BOSS BASSO

SO, ON
THE TOPIC OF
CLEANING UP
MESSES...

WE CAN KEEP
SHAKARI AND THE
CLAWS IN STASIS AND
TURN THEM OVER TO
THE IMPERIUM...

...BUT
WHAT DO WE
DO ABOUT
ADAM?

I SET UP A CONTINGENCY
PLAN IN CASE THIS WENT
SIDWAYS.

SHVYEEEM



THE TIME HAS
COME FOR THE
FORSAKEN ONE TO
BE FORSAKEN NO
LONGER.

THE IMPERIAL GUARD,
SUPERGUARDIANS OF
THE SHI'AR EMPIRE.

IS CORSAIR
BETRAYING
ME?



GLADIATOR, I DON'T
WANT TO FIGHT HERE...
AGAIN...BUT WE WILL,
TO PROTECT OUR
BROTHER.



I APPRECIATE
THAT MORE THAN YOU
KNOW, SCOTT, BUT
AM DONE FIGHTING
AND RUNNING.

WHAT
DO YOU
PROPOSE,
THEN...?

CHANDILAR,
SHI'AR THRONEWORLD.

ARE YOU
CERTAIN OF THIS,
ADAM OF
CH'REESHARAA?

I AM NOT, BUT IT'S THE ONLY
WAY I SEE TO SPARE THE
IMPERIUM FROM A BLOODY
CIVIL WAR, MAJESTRIX
LILANDRA--

--AND
TO KEEP MY
HEAD ON MY
SHOULDERS!

THERE ARE
MANY WHO FOLLOW THE
LIGHT OF THE M'KRAAN
CRYSTAL AND MANY MORE
WHO THRIVED UNDER
MY MAD BROTHER,
D'KEN.

YOU ARE...
PROBLEMATIC,
ADAM, BUT YOU HAVE
DONE NOTHING TO
THREATEN MY
THRONE.

YOU
DESERVE
A RIGHT TO
PEACE.

I HEREBY
GRANT YOUR
REQUEST.







...BUT I THINK I HAVE FINALLY FOUND IT.



THIS FEELS RIGHT.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A REALLY LONG TIME, I FEEL RIGHT.



NOW, IF I COULD JUST GET THIS DAMN HEADACHE TO GO AWAY.



ADAM? WHY'RE YOU BACK?

LAST TIME I WAS HERE, YOUR FATHER DIDN'T COME TO GET ME OFF HIS PROPERTY. IT'S BECAUSE HE CAN'T, ISN'T IT?



HE...HURT HIS BACK A FEW MONTHS AGO. HE MIGHT NOT WALK AGAIN. WE DON'T KNOW.



MOTHER? SIBLINGS?

JUST ME AN' HIM.

YOU COULD PROBABLY USE A FIELD HAND...?



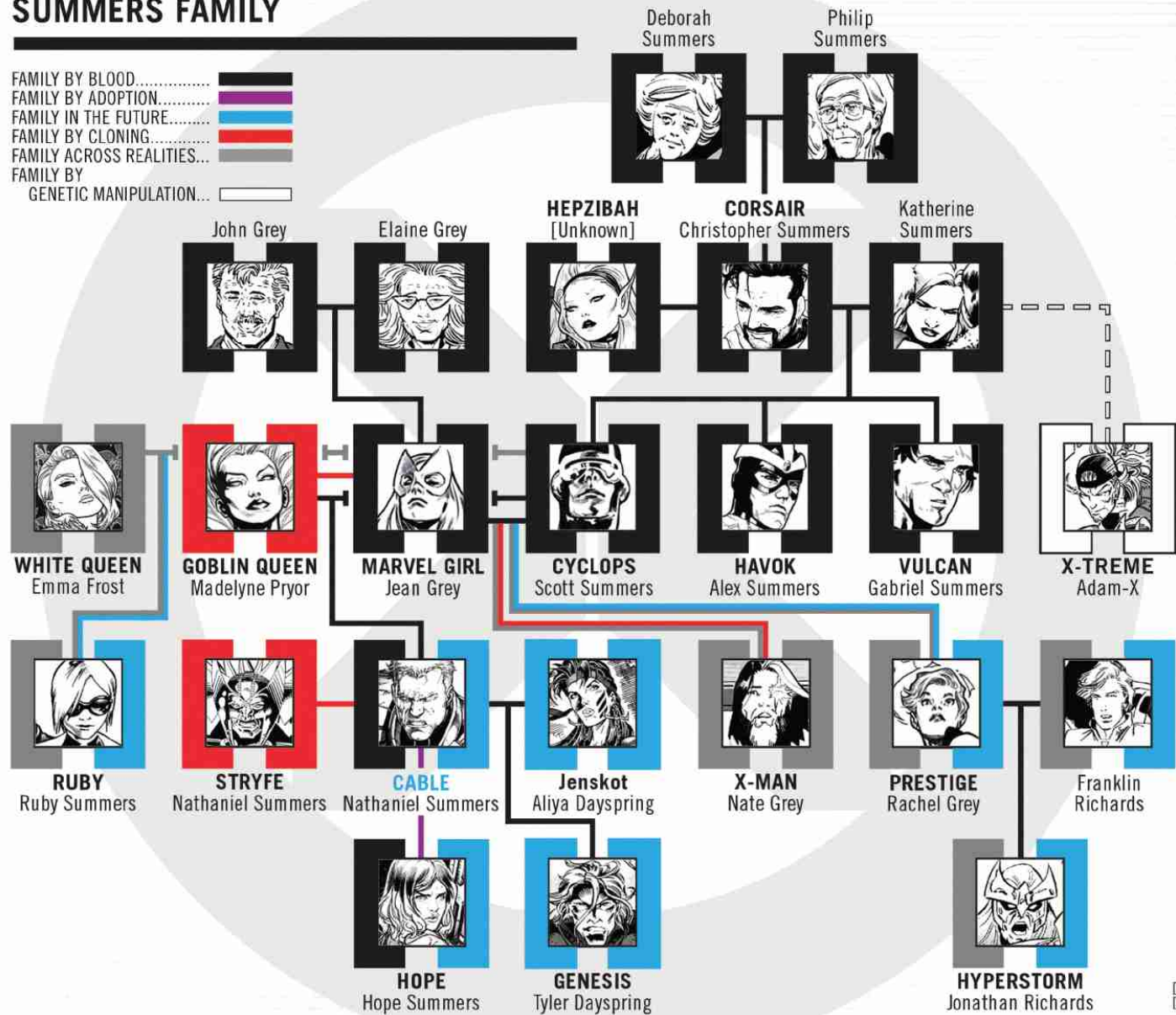
There you have it, folks
 -- the true answer behind
 Adam-X's lineage, at last!

We're thrilled to bring
 some clarity to the ever-
 complicated Summers
 family tree, even if
 there is always another
 mystery lurking at the
 edges. And just because
 it's hard to keep all the
 Summerses straight, we
 wanted to share a more
 detailed family tree, as so
 wonderfully put together
 by David Powell and the
 Marvel New Media team!

--Mark

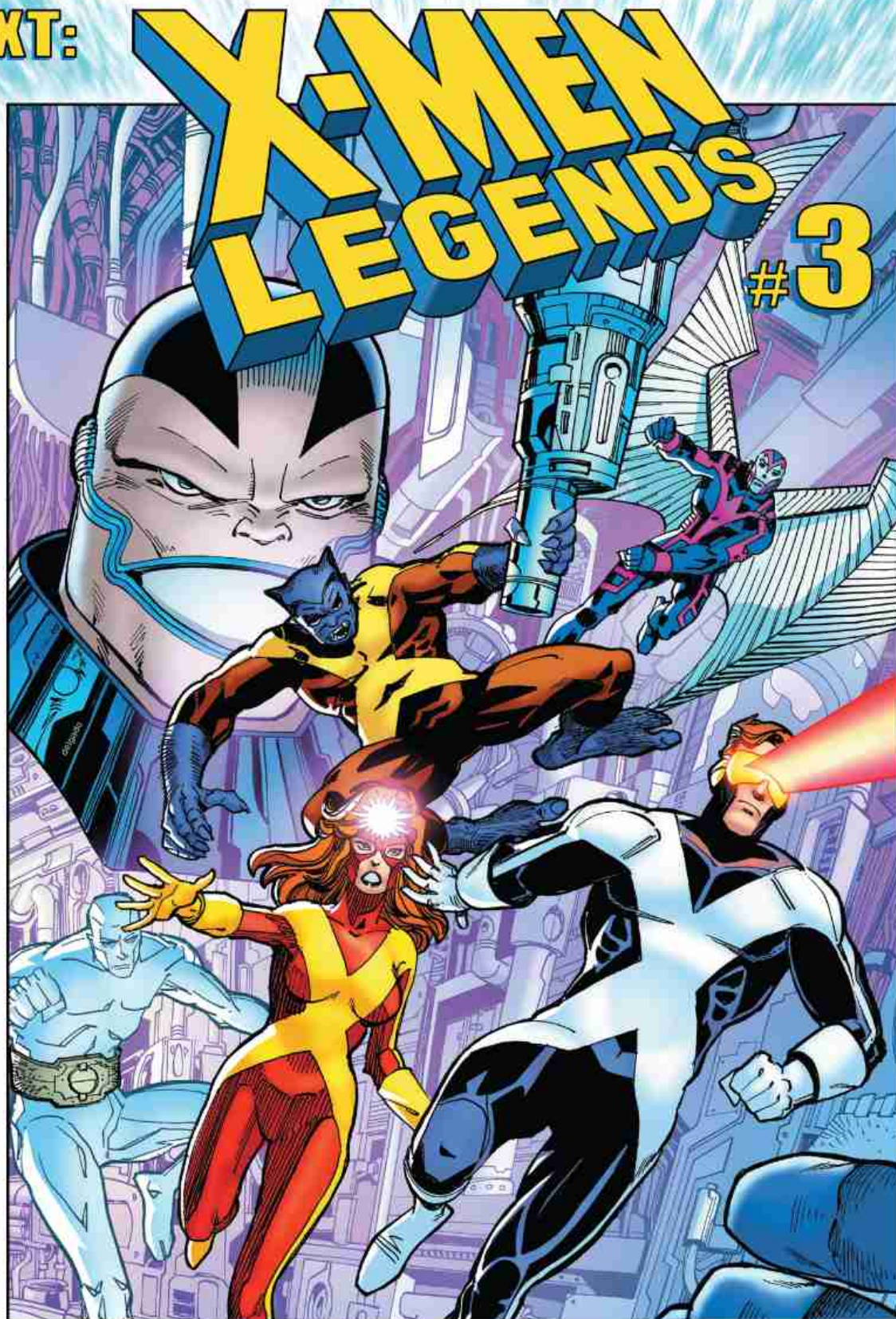
SUMMERS FAMILY

FAMILY BY BLOOD.....	
FAMILY BY ADOPTION.....	
FAMILY IN THE FUTURE.....	
FAMILY BY CLONING.....	
FAMILY ACROSS REALITIES...	
FAMILY BY GENETIC MANIPULATION...	



[00_summers]
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NEXT:



Next issue--Louise Simonson and Walter Simonson return to the days when the original five X-Men were operating as X-Factor! Harken back to Angel's earliest days as Archangel as the mutants travel about in their sentient Ship...but what secret will be unveiled, and what dark designs does Apocalypse really have for our mutant heroes (including baby Nathan Christopher Summers!)?

For those keeping score, this story takes place shortly before the original X-FACTOR #43, but what's most important is that you pick up your copy of X-MEN LEGENDS #3 and join us for the ride! See you next month!

